Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and,

Whereas, The vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection. Only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage when treatment is the most effective; and,

Whereas, Every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every ten minutes, someone dies from colorectal cancer; and,

Whereas, The survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but is only 10 percent when diagnosed after the cancer has spread to other organs; and,

Whereas, March is designated as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and,

Whereas, Education and awareness can help inform the public of prevention methods and symptoms for early detection of this deadly disease:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State